

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 13, 1886

Sir:

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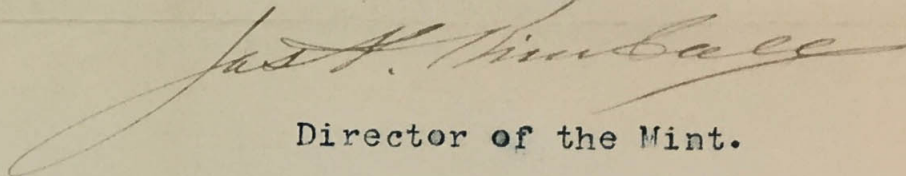
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I think you had better put in an estimate for the repair of the roof at once if the matter is as pressing as you seem to consider it.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gust F. Timbace", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

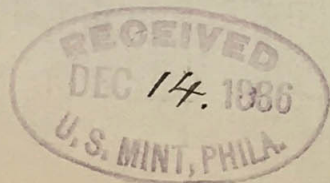
Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Treas'y Dept.
Washington D.C.
Dec. 13. 1886

James P. Kimball.
Director.

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Does not approve of Renaissance
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